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animal remains; religious/ritual equipment

Object Type

animal remains
religious/ritual equipment

Museum number

Af1932,0516.4

Description

Skull of a bird set with two cowrie shells.

Production ethnic group

Made by: Tiv

Production date

1932 (before)(before)

Production place

Made in: Nigeria
Africa: sub-Saharan Africa: Nigeria

Excavator/field collector

Field Collection by: Roy C Abraham

Findspot

Found/Acquired: Wukari
Africa: sub-Saharan Africa: Nigeria: Taraba (Nigeria): Wukari

Materials

bird bone
cowrie shell

Dimensions

Height: Height: 7.20 centimetres
Width: Width: 5.50 centimetres
Depth: Depth: 14.30 centimetres

Curator's comments

See Collection File Af1931,0506.1-42 - Notes on Tiv Cult Objects by R C Abraham, Anthropological Officer, N.P. Nigeria, 1 October 1931. Includes references to human sacrifice.

Location

Not on display

Acquisition name

From: Wukari Native Administration

Acquisition date

1932

Acquisition notes

Af1932,0516.1 to 41 is a collection made by Roy C Abrahams (see biography), and was given by the Wukari Native Administration in Makurdi, Benue Province, for which he was working as Government Anthropologist. It was recorded as a "series of religious cult objects mainly of the Mba Tsav secret society of the Tiv (Munshi) tribe, Wukari division, Benue province, Nigeria", and relates to his monograph on the Tiv people published in 1933. [View less](#)

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